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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
FRENKEN ET AL)
Application No.: 09/737,476) Group Art Unit: 1638
Filed: December 18, 2000) Examiner: Collins, C.E.
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT & REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111**

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, the time period for response to which expired December 10, 2002. An extension of time for three months is being filed concurrently, thereby extending the period for response to March 10, 2003. Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please consider the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for modifying a plant to produce an antibody or an active fragment of an antibody showing the antigen binding activity of the antibody or a protein functionally equivalent to the antibody showing the antigen binding activity of the antibody.